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Monthly Newsletter of the

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Woodworkers Club*



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Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's December report

As I sit down to write this report, I wonder where the time has gone. We have come to the end of another year and we still have a busy time ahead before we Close Down on Friday 14th December 2007.

By the time you read this report we will have celebrated our Christmas Break Up and Carols by Candlelight on Saturday 1st December. This year we have 116 adults and 16 children booked for the function which promises to be a very enjoyable evening, with a Spit Roast Dinner and Desserts. The weather forecast is for 27c and fine, so we are anticipating a great Social Evening.

Wednesday 5th December we have our Monthly Meeting with a Sausage Sizzle from 6.30pm then the Meeting and followed by our Annual Fun Auction of members donated unwanted treasures. So come along and participate in an enjoyable fun night.

Saturday 8th December we have planned our Final Working Bee for 2007 for a general clean up and put the Clubrooms in order before the Close Down on 14th December. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 15 members who attended the Working Bee on Sat. 24th November especially Hughie Gaynor who supervised in my absence. If, like me, you were unable to attend the last Working Bee we look forward to your attendance on 8th December.

For those of you who are wondering what is happening with our application for the grant from the Federal Government Regional Partnership Grants. We have not had

any correspondence since before the Elections were announced in mid October and now with the change in government I do not envisage that we will receive much information this side of Christmas - but you never know. We are still hopeful of a satisfactory outcome. As the grant is not retrospective we must wait for the Government decision before we need to look at any alternative scenarios. We will keep you informed when we have any correspondence in the near future.

As I have mentioned earlier, the Clubrooms will Close Down for the Christmas Recess on Friday 14th December 2007 and will Reopen on 14th January 2008.

This being my last report for 2007 **I will take this opportunity to wish members, families and friends A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY, SAFE and HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2008.**

I look forward to meeting and speaking to you around the Club.

Paddy Mc Cann

We thank Nick Wakeling MP
-Member for Ferntree Gully
for printing our newsletter
as a Community Service

Community Support Activities currently undertaken by the Club

Project Description	Recipient	Status
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids for Christmas	Continually in Progress
Occasional Table	Angliss Hospital	In Planning
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous
Chairs, Stools, etc	CPEC	When Required
Kid's Korner Kits	Kid's Korner functions	Continuous
Adjustable Stools	CPEC	Progressing
Outdoor Setting for Kids	Upwey Primary School	In Planning
Playground Equipment	UFTG Primary School	In Progress

REMINDER **Club closes for the Christmas /New Year Holidays**

Close on Friday night 14th December 2007
Reopen on Monday 14th January 2008.

Our Members' Welfare

Several members are unwell and we extend our best wishes to them for a speedy recovery.

We extend our sympathy to John Jackson and his family on the death of John's Mother, who passed away last weekend at Sunbury.

The "Bill Gillingham Memorial Award" for 2007

Our congratulations go to Ray Norton on winning the above award for the Best Club Member of the Year 2007 as he has made a major and consistent contribution to the Club's success throughout the year.



Ray is seen enthusiastically receiving the award while Nick Wakeling MP, the Member for Ferntree Gully, looks on during his visit to the Club meeting.

Around the Club

No, this is not a photo of Used Car Salesmen to avoid!!



These are your Committee Members for 2007/2008.

From the left in the back row:

Eric Butterfield, John O'Rorke, John Emptage, John Jackson, Hughie Gaynor.

From the left in the front row:

Paul Lucas, Paddy Mc Cann, Bill Ireland, Peter Horsburgh, Frank O'Connor.

The 2 members absent are Ladislav Toman and Ray Norton

Just a reminder to not leave valuable articles so they are clearly visible in your unlocked car in the Club car park. One member recently had items stolen.

Our Annual November Toy Donation etc. night to Worthy Causes

This photo shows a portion of the toys members



enthusiastically made over the year. Everyone is constantly amazed at the variety and quality produced.

This year the toys were given to the St Vincent de Paul's Society (accepted on their behalf by Bob Winspear) and the Knox Mayor Appeal (accepted on their behalf by the Mayor Cr Jim Penna).

We also donated a Rocking Horse to the Angliss Hospital for them to raffle to raise funds for much needed additional medical equipment.

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Michael Butler gratefully accepted it on their behalf. Here Michael is seen cheerfully “testing out “ his riding skills on the beautiful dark-stained horse.

A Grand Daughter Clock made by Peter Sleeman was donated to the Crime Victims Support Network for them to raffle to help with much needed funding. Peter Sleeman is

seen on the left with Bill and Bev McNamara accepting the clock (which is in the background).



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End of Year BBQ Party



As usual the function was a great success with perfect weather for both the BBQ dinner and the Carols by Candlelight show that followed on the adjacent Knox oval. Many members and their families enjoyed sitting and eating outside on the lawn under the trees. Ray Norton did a good job cutting the lawn and trimming the lower branches on the trees just prior to the day.

Bill Longden has been a mainstay of the selling of the raffle tickets at the BBQ Party for many years and is also



involved in organising some of the raffle prizes for the monthly meeting raffle.



Bill is in his “Santa helper” gear and is seen having a great time convincing some of the guests at the Party that they would surely win a prize if they bought tickets!! He was obviously a good salesman as they bought tickets.

At the Stringybark Festival

Sergio Meilak has been actively and successfully selling raffle tickets to the public with Joe Semenow and others at the Stringybark (and Knox) Festivals each year.



Here he is doing the ultimate “sell job” to 2 camel riders who somehow got into the Festival!!

Sergio also very successfully sells the raffle tickets at each of the monthly meetings.

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Weekly Workshop Hours and the Keyholder

Monday (the day session is for woodturning)	8:30 am	- 12:30 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Laurie Ham	9720 1995
Tuesday	9:30 am	- 3:00 pm	Peter Horsburgh	9879 5144
	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	9:30am	- 3:00 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Frank O'Connor	9879 7512
Thursday	9:30 am	- 3:00 pm	Charles Bruckner Doug Dell	9801 2197 9729 1886
	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

8 th December	8:00 am	12:00 pm	WORKING BEE	
15 th December			CLOSED for XMAS BREAK	
19 th January 2008	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
26 th January			CLOSED for AUSTRALIA DAY	
2 nd February	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227

Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10:30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the Club rooms

Regular Club Group Activities

Day	Time	Regularity	Group	Contact
Monday	Day	Each week	Woodturners	John Emptage 9758 6103
	Evening	Each week	Carvers Festival Kit development	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206 Peter Horsburgh 9878 5144
Tuesday	Day	Each week	Festival Kit development	Peter Horsburgh 9878 5144
	Evening	Each week	Woodturners	Frank O'Connor 9879 7512
Friday	Evening	Each week	Rocking Horse Group	Joe Semenow 9758 6024
				Bruce Allen 9754 5774

What's On, Coming Up and For Sale etc.

Our Club Activities

Wednesday 5th December
Sausage sizzle at 6:30 pm.
General meeting and Auction at 7:30 pm.

Saturday 8th December
WORKING BEE

Closed for the New Year Break
Finish on Friday night 14th
December, Reopening Monday
14th January

Wednesday 23rd January 2008
Committee Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday 6th February 2008
General meeting at 7:30 pm.

Saturday 9th February 2008
WORKING BEE

Sat. 1st / Sun. 2nd March 2008
Knox Festival & "Kids Korner"

On Sale at the Club

Club Caps \$12
Club polo shirts \$22
Screws (packet) \$2
Nails (500gm 2" x 12G) \$2
Woodturning supplies
Pen blanks - Brigalow, Jarrah,
oak, and other timbers. From \$1
Pen kits From \$4

Mandrel \$20 #1 & #2
Turning blocks \$4 per kg.

Life's Great!! Smart Words?

1. Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons.
2. I was going to buy a copy of "The Power of Positive Thinking", but then the thought occurred - what the hell good would that do?
3. The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat.
4. Of all the things we lose, we miss our minds the most.
5. Reading about the evils of drink and other pleasures is a convincing reason to give up reading.
6. You can fool some of the people all the time - they're the ones to concentrate on!

Marriage!

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. The next week the man realised that he would need his wife to wake him at 5.00am for an international flight to

Europe. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence, he finally wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me tomorrow morning at 5.00am." The next morning the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00am, and that he had missed his international flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't woken him when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. It said "It's 5:00am, wake up!"

Just think, if it wasn't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all!!

Remember to wear appropriate clothes, shoes, safety glasses, ear and face protection and dust mask while using Club equipment. Your health and safety is important to you, and the Club, so look after it.
THINK SAFE WOODWORKING